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The reply filed on September 12, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: Applicant did not fully respond to the double patenting rejection. Applicant requests to hold a rejection in abeyance by deferring a response until the claims of this application or the 10/498684 application are allowable. However, a request to hold a rejection in abeyance is non-responsive. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIGI HUANG whose telephone number is (571)272-9073. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-6:00PM EST.

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